

# Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

Volunteer Newsletter

April 2015



## What's New?

We say farewell to another valued member of our Bear River staff, Mindy White, who is moving to Ouray National Wildlife Refuge located in Vernal, Utah. She will be greatly missed! Her enthusiastic personality mixed with quick wit and deep personal interest in whomever she comes across will be a great asset to her future co-workers. She has been on the staff at Bear River for 6 1/2 years and has contributed greatly to the work atmosphere and accomplishments of the Refuge.



BEST OF SHOW



## Junior Duck Stamp News

We congratulate Bradley Gray, age 16, for winning the Best of Show award with "Sunset Serenity"! He used a mixed media of prisma colored pencils, tempera, airbrush and chalk. It was an extremely tough competition with incredible talent displayed. Judges Les Talbot, Brian Ferguson, Rebecca Browers, Clark Ostergaard and Dave Prevedel were impressed with the entries and overall came to a consensus that the art is getting better every year. It was a long intense day of judging and we would like to thank our judges for their time and valuable opinions. We congratulate all artists who entered!

## Refuge Spotlight - Dorothy Egan



Twenty years ago, Dorothy moved from Salt Lake City to Brigham City. She began volunteering in 2004, when the Bear River Refuge bookstore and visitor center were located at the Bunkhouse. One of her favorite aspects of being a Ranger Naturalist at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge are the encounters she has with visitors from around the world! She finds enjoyment through educating visitors about wildlife conservation. She is a self-taught naturalist, whose fascination in wildlife conservation continuously grows, as does her love of learning new things in the world around her.

Fun fact – "If I could have any animal adaption I would like to have the superb vision that many birds have."



## Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- ♦ April 16th: Mindy White's Going Away Party @ noon, meet at El Torro Viejo RSVP to Kathi Stopher 435-734-6438
- ♦ April 18th: Earth Day @ Ogden Nature Center 11-2pm
- ♦ April 25th: Call of the Wetlands Day 10-3pm
- ♦ May 9th: Junior Duck Stamp Award Ceremony 12-3pm



### April 25, 2015 Call of the Wetlands - Open House

We invite everyone to attend our exciting event day, "Call of the Wetlands". We will have a meet and greet with LIVE frogs, snakes, salamanders and others from 11:00 am-12:30 pm!



We will have fun crafts and films. Sara Prussing will be leading wetland walks in search of snakes, frogs and other wildlife at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm! Jeff

Strong will be teaching a beginning adult outdoor photography class. Class will be held from 1:00-4:00 pm in the classroom and on the refuge. He will cover tips on equipment, lighting, composition and editing. Registration is required, call Jen at 435-734-6457.



We hope to see you there!

### Creature Feature: Northern Leopard Frog

- They get their name from the array of irregularly shaped dark spots on their backs and legs.
- They are about the size of a tea cup.
- A N. leopard frog's diet consist of beetles, ants, flies, worms, smaller frogs (including their own species), birds, and even garter snakes
- N. leopard frogs are well-adapted to survive in cold climates.
- A group of frogs is called an army.
- Females can lay between 645 and 7,648 eggs per cluster
- Northern leopard frogs come in two different color mutations. The Burnsli leopard frog lacks spots. The Kandiyohi leopard frog is mostly dark with flecks of lighter brown.



Photo by Bates Littlehales



### Jumping Jokes!

1. What happened when the frog parked in a no-parking zone?
2. What do you call a snake with a great personality?
3. What kind of book does a rabbit like at bedtime?

1. It got TOAD away! 2. A snake charmer! 3. One with a HOPPY ending!